

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 29, 31, 36, 38, 39, 42, and 43 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 30, 32 through 35, 37, 40, and 41 and add Claim 44 as follows:

1 - 29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A remote install method for a program in a network system, said method comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring printer information on ~~an extended function program of a driver which can be installed in client apparatuses connected to a certain printer provided in a network;~~ and devices connected to the client apparatuses via the network or directly; and

a specifying step of specifying an extended function program which can drive the printer, using the printer information acquired in the acquisition step;

a displaying step of displaying (a) information indicating the extended function program specified in the specifying step, (b) an instruction section on which an installation instruction of the extended function program can be activated, and (c) information identifying the printer; and

~~an install step of installing said~~ a sending step of sending the extended function program in to a client apparatus ~~designated out of said client apparatuses on the basis of the~~

information in response to activation of the installation instruction on the instruction section displayed in the displaying step.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) The remote install method according to claim 30, wherein; ~~in said install step; said the~~ extended function program is installed with a client apparatus requesting install of said extended function program as said designated client apparatus registered as an object to be supported by an inter-object communication function provided by a operating system of the client apparatus, connected to a driver of a device connected to the client apparatus by the inter-object communication function, and called in a form decided in advance.

33. (Currently Amended) The remote install method according to claim 30, wherein; ~~in said install step; said~~ sending step sends the extended function program is installed in said to a designated client apparatus in accordance with designation of [[a]] ~~the~~ client apparatus ~~inputted from an input device~~ and an install start instruction entered via an input unit.

34. (Currently Amended) The remote install method according to claim 30, wherein; ~~in said install step; said~~ sending step sends, to a designated client apparatus, an extended function program; ~~which is~~ allowed to be installed in a device

allowed to be used for said ~~the~~ designated client apparatus; is installed in said designated client apparatus.

35. (Currently Amended) A server apparatus which provides a program to be remotely installed in a client apparatus, comprising:

acquiring means for an acquiring unit configured to acquire printer information on an extended function program of a driver which can be installed in client apparatuses connected to a certain printer provided in a network; and devices connected to the client apparatuses via the network or directly; and

a specifying unit configured to specify an extended function program which can drive the printer, using the printer information acquired by the acquiring unit;

a display unit configured to display (a) information indicating the extended function program specified by the specifying unit, (b) an instruction section on which an installation instruction of the extended function program can be activated, and (c) information identifying the printer; and

a sending means for sending said unit configured to send the extended function program to [[a]] ~~the~~ client apparatus designated out of said client apparatuses on the basis of the information in response to activation of the installation instruction on the instruction section displayed by the display unit.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) The server apparatus according to claim 35,

wherein said the extended function program is registered as an object to be supported by an inter-object communication function provided by an operating system of said the client apparatus, connected to the a driver of said a device connected to the client apparatus by said the inter-object communication function, and called in a form decided in advance.

38 - 39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) The server apparatus according to claim 35,
wherein said sending means unit sends the extended function program to ~~said a~~ designated client apparatus in accordance with designation of ~~[[a]]~~ the client apparatus ~~inputted from inputting means~~ and an install starting instruction entered via an input unit.

41. (Currently Amended) The server apparatus according to claim 35,
wherein said sending means unit sends to a designated client apparatus, an extended function program, ~~which is~~ allowed to be installed in a device allowed to be used for said the designated client apparatus, ~~to said designated client~~.

42 - 43. (Cancelled)

44. (New) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program instructing a computer to perform a remote install method for a program in a network system, said method comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring printer information on a certain printer provided in a network;

a specifying step of specifying an extended function program which can drive the printer, using the printer information acquired in the acquisition step;

a displaying step of displaying (a) information indicating the extended function program specified in the specifying step, (b) an instruction section on which an installation instruction of the extended function program can be activated, and (c) information identifying the printer; and

a sending step of sending the extended function program to a client apparatus in response to activation of the installation instruction on the instruction section displayed in the displaying step.